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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 7 November 1979

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The Director was meeting with [] at CHB re NFIP tentative decisions; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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Mr. Carlucci opened the meeting with a brief on U.S. hostages in Tehran and some of the measures underway to deal with same. He stressed the extreme sensitivity of this information and asked that it not be conveyed to others. Mr. Carlucci asked Doug Mulholland to provide at the start of each day a briefing paper for his or the Director's use on the situation. Clarke said our task force is operational and will prepare. Hitz commented on developing concerns in the Congress; he noted at this morning's briefing by Secretary Duncan and others, including Helene Boatner (NFAC), to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator Dominici suggested U.S. retaliation of some sort might be considered re "80-90,000 Iranian students in the U.S." Mr. Carlucci said such a possibility has already been considered and noted Attorney General Civiletti's position that nothing can be effectively done within existing laws. []

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Lehman reported, in response to the Director's 5 November request, that an interagency group met yesterday for a Community assessment of the North Korean military situation. The group concluded North Korea has indeed taken some readiness measures but is unlikely to move against South Korea. He added an item is being coordinated for the NID, and we will remain alert to any signs of change. []

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McMahon reported briefly on the following:

--Bolivia: 97 Americans and other foreign nationals are being evacuated out of the country; he said some C-130 aircraft are flying to Bolivia today to assist.

--A report that West Germany will support TNF.

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--A Secret Service report of an individual who alleges he is being pressured to contract the killing of Senator Kennedy--individual claims to be employed by the CIA with prior experience in Project MHCHAOS and other Agency activities: Secret Service is investigating. McMahon said individual was never employed by CIA. []

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[] said he would be contacting RMS representatives this afternoon re DCI tentative decisions for the NFIP. [] noted RMS has come up with 4 or 5 issues which impact the CIAP; he said he will get with Directorate heads and then advise Mr. Carlucci. Proctor commented on how the Director is deciding on NFIP manpower; he noted, however, CIA needs to promptly provide additional information on manpower needed in South America. Proctor said the Director is approving additional manpower for intelligence production but cuts are likely in other areas, e.g., Career Trainee Program. Dirks asked [] how funding for ORD was faring in the decision process; he stressed that a cut of [] will create a serious problem. [] introduced [] as the new Deputy Comptroller. []

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Referring to the Director's query at the 5 November Staff Meeting, Clarke said he is forwarding a memorandum to the Director recommending the matter of a Cuba post-mortem not be raised at the 9 November Military Economic Advisory Panel meeting. []

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Hitz said he has learned from Ted Stevens of the Senate Appropriations Committee the House/Senate conference on budget appeals will take place Tuesday or Wednesday of next week and that we will make every effort to ensure that the higher Senate numbers prevail. He said he would work with Stevens on this. []

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Hitz said also Mr. Kriegsman of A.D. Little, Inc., wants to meet with the Director before audit of the Intelligence Community Staff begins--to learn more of what the Director intended the Staff to accomplish and whether or not it has met the Director's requirements. []

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[] reported briefly on Charters Legislation--that following Vice President Mondale's meeting last week with Senators Mathias and Huddleston, the Vice President planned to take up the matter with the President early this week. According to [] the current White House position is to push ahead on Charters Legislation regardless of concerns surrounding the 1980 elections. []

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Dirks reported [] D/FBIS, has been contacted by CBS seeking help in the production of a CBS film on Soviet coverage of the recent Cuban situation. Dirks had no further details. []

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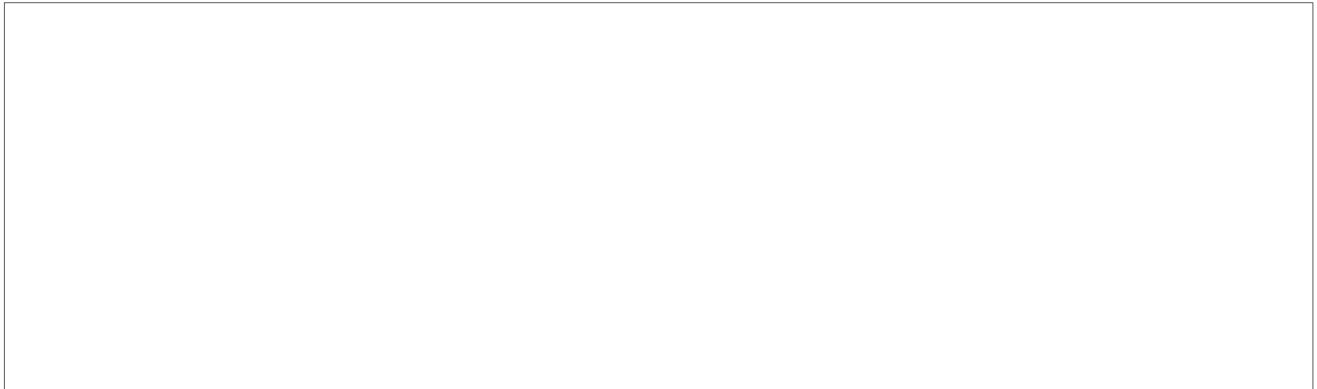


McMahon reported Commerce and State officials plan to contact U.S. businessmen re foreign technology. He said he does not like this situation--
"it could lead to some serious problems," and said [] should spearhead any
effort of this sort as a matter of common concern. Mr. Carlucci advised
McMahon to prepare a memo, if appropriate, for his signature to Under
Secretary of State Newsom on this matter. []

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